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**PHILADELPHIA MAN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED
EXTORTION OF NEW YORK GIANTS HEAD COACH**

PHILADELPHIA – Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of a criminal complaint¹ against Herbert Alex Simpson, of Philadelphia, charging him with mailing threatening communications.

Simpson is accused of sending two letters on July 30, 2008, and on July 31, 2008, to New York Giants Coach Tom Coughlin. Simpson falsely represented that the letters were from two females who were threatening to expose a fictional sexual encounter with Coughlin. The first letter claimed the encounter happened while the Giants were in Philadelphia and it threatened to expose the fictional event unless Coughlin paid between \$20,000-\$30,000. Simpson's letters also threatened that if Coughlin did not pay the money, his life would be made "a living hell by doing something to [his] family."

Neither Coughlin nor any member of his family was hurt.

"We take seriously any threats to extort money from anyone," said Magid.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Herbert Alex Simpson	Philadelphia, PA	30 years old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of two years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, 2 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Derek A. Cohen.

¹ A criminal complaint is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty

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